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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/878,946 )  
Filed: June 13, 2001 )  
For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR )  
ELEMENT, INK TANK, INK JET )  
RECORDING APPARATUS )  
PROVIDED WITH INK TANK, )  
LIQUID INFORMATION )  
ACQUIRING METHOD AND )  
LIQUID PHYSICAL PROPERTY )  
CHANGE DISCRIMINATING )  
METHOD )

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

Applicants request the Examiner's approval to effect the following drawing  
changes, shown in red ink on the attached sketches:

- FIG. 5: Please remove  $R_a$ , R and C;  
FIG. 8a: Please change DH to pH;  
FIG. 10: Please change the two occurrences of reference sign "415" to  
--413--;  
FIG. 21a: Please remove reference sign "324";  
FIG. 24: Please change reference sign "526" to -525-, reference sign  
"527" to -526-, and remove reference sign "525";

- FIG. 29: Please remove  $R_o$ , and  $V_{out}$ ;
- FIG. 34: Please change reference sign "600" to -1600-, reference sign "500" to -1500-, reference sign "11" to -1011-, reference sign "607" to -1607-, reference sign "150" to -1150-, reference sign "12" to -1012--, reference sign "151" to -1151-, reference sign "152" to -1152-, and reference sign "101" to -1102-;
- FIG. 36: Please change reference sign "150" to -1150-, reference sign "11" to -1011-, reference sign "12" to -1012-, reference sign "13" to -1013-, reference sign "14" to -1014-, reference sign "15" to -1015-, reference sign "16" to -1016-, reference sign "17" to -1017-, and reference sign "18" to -1018-;
- FIG. 39: Please change reference sign "31" to -91-, reference sign "32" to -92-, reference sign "33" to -93-, reference sign "34" to -94-, reference sign "35" to -95-, and reference sign "36" to -96-; AND
- FIG. 40: Please change reference sign "521" to -1521-, reference sign "522" to -1522-, reference sign "526" to -1526-, and reference sign "550" to -1550-, and
- Please remove reference signs "523", "524" and "525".

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